



Saint James Episcopal Church

VESTRY MINUTES

December 7th, 2010

Members present =
Barbara Busch
Mike Cogsdale
Charlene Clark
Doris Conn

James Hogan
Betty Purcell
Susan Rowe
Clerk: Linda Alexander

Members Absent:
Bill McKinney
Jim Evert
Ray Williams
Patrick White

The meeting convened at 7pm with Fr. Mike saying a prayer and leading the vestry in the reading of the vestry covenant.

Approval of Minutes	The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved without any further changes.
Counting Ballots Barbara Busch	Barbara Busch inquired about the procedure on handling the ballots for the upcoming vestry elections at the Annual Parish Meeting. Fr. Mike informed the vestry that the ballots from the early service should be taken into the office and either put into the safe or put into Fr. Mike's desk. Those ballots would then be added to the ballots from the 10:30 service and counted at that time. An announcement would be made during the meeting on who the new vestry members will be. Fr. Mike advised Barbara to find 2 people to count the ballots. James Hogan agreed to be one of the counters.
Sr. Warden Report Barbara Busch	Barbara Busch reported that there was still no report back from Martha Cartee on the issue of the quit claim deed for Mary's Grove. Barbara reported that she has taken the Safeguarding God's People training and that it was something the vestry should consider taking. Barbara reported that there were no further vestry nominations beyond the 4 already received. The 4 nominees are Larry Bailey, Pat Conn, Jim Crawford, and Rebecca Sime.
Junior Warden Report Charlene Clark	Charlene Clark reported that in the past month 3 AC/Heating units broke down and the total cost was \$3,238 to replace parts for them. Charlene reported that people were leaving the church in an unsafe condition. After a recent luncheon the stove was found to be left on some time after the luncheon had ended. The recent Taize service was a success with 25 people in attendance.

	<p>The Ladies Christmas Luncheon currently has 64 reservations for Saturday, December 11th.</p> <p>The Room at the Table meal will also take place on Saturday, December 11th and those in attendance will be entertained by John Wright's singing group.</p> <p>The Art Crawl on December 3rd had 147 attendees and was very successful. Charlene said the vestry needs to thank Lorie for all of her hard work on the preparation of the unveiling.</p> <p>Charlene reported that she is still looking into the plaques for the Memorial Garden. Her hope is that when 2 people purchase a niche together that the names can be engraved in advance and then a simple date plate can be affixed to the plaque at the time of each person's death.</p> <p>Charlene reported that she had received a bid from Barger Ashe to clean out the gutters and some simple repairs for a total of \$225.00. She reported that she may wait until the New Year to have this work completed.</p>
<p>Financial Report Susan Rowe</p>	<p>Susan reported that there was no financial report available yet due to the earlier than usual vestry meeting date. The 2011 pledges are currently at \$188,670 with an ultimate goal of \$250,000. There are about a dozen parishioners that have not submitted their pledge for 2011 yet. James suggested that if each pledging unit would pledge \$800.00 more for 2011 then this would bring the pledges up to the goal of \$250,000. Fr. Mike suggested presenting this idea to the parish at the Annual Parish Meeting. Charlene suggested splitting the \$800.00 into monthly payments over the 12 months of 2011. Fr. Mike suggested that James, Charlene and Susan get together to create a message to the parish. They will be meeting sometime this week to get it completed in time for the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Susan reported that the replacement of equipment parts of \$3,200 was charged to that part of the budget but since it was already over budget she asked if the available money from the Endowment fund could cover those costs. The issue will be addressed again at the next meeting.</p>
<p>Mutual Ministry Review Fr. Mike</p>	<p>Fr. Mike reported that Temple Gray has agreed to do the Mutual Ministry Review for St. James. \$1,000 plus expenses has been authorized for the review. Temple wants 2-3 people to go with Fr. Mike to work through it. The review portion will be within the vestry and staff members. Temple has said he can come to Lenoir or go to the Highlands to meet with him. Fr. Mike recommended Susan, Barbara, Charlene, and James for the steering committee.</p>
<p>New Phone service Barbara Busch</p>	<p>Barbara reported on behalf of Ray Williams who could not attend the meeting. Ray had been looking into a new phone plan for St. James in an effort to save money. The current plan with AT&T costs \$3,800.00 a year.</p>

	He found a plan with Charter that will save St. James \$1,700.00 over the next year. The cost of the new plan is \$2,100.00. The phone numbers will remain the same, faster internet service and unlimited long distance calls with Charter. There will be a one-time interior phone service charge of \$75.00. The vestry authorized Ray to proceed with acquiring the new phone service pending discussions with Lorie and Linda in the office.
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There being no further business, Fr. Cogsdale concluded the meeting with James Hogan offering a prayer and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Alexander, Clerk

Approved: _____ Date: _____